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SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S NEWS The Weather.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Forcoast for ucaday and Wednesday: Virginia-Fa: Tuesday. Wednesday incoming cloudiness; light to fresh north inds. ds. orth Carolina—Fair Tuesday. Wednes cloudy, probably rain in east portion increasing north winds.

snow and cold wave forecast for y falled to materialize. Instead, the is fine, as was yesterday. The mer-fell somewhat last night, but the id not become extreme.

STATE OF THE THERMOMETER

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Richmond.

Only about six thousand paid their papitation taxes; the saloon people active in getting their friends to qualify—Grivat banquet given by the Howitzera-Grivat bill engrossed; social ciub bili amended and made broader in lis scope—Large sum left by a man supposed to be practically penniless—J.T. J. Melion returns home after several days of almiess wandering—Wednesday Club to rehearse to-night—Death of an aged cigarmuter Oyster bill likely to fail in the Senato to-day—The fourth member of a little family dead—A Henrico saloon-keeper very severely punished—Real estate men. Tidewater charters granted yesterday—Trial of alleged Fulton rioters begins in Hustings Court—New method for dispensing charity; imposiers to be blacklisted—Arrest of boys, charged with their Electrolysis dispute is sail urasatiled—Koard of Alderman will discuss bond seven matter to-night. MANCHESTER—Important meeting of the Board of Alderman to-night—New home of the Dika being capitly put in shape—Funeral of Alderman consist—New home of the Club being capitly put in shape—Funeral of Alderman consist—Whiles Whiles where of Clopton Street Church to meet at so o'clock to-night—Gran of foot-ball this afternoon.

is into the river—Charley reo-ted in Wytheville yesterday for Ballard H. Neff on trial for George Lindsay.

Citizen of Bearin, killed by a train.

General.

Cilizen of stones county tan will an investigation of dealings on Stock Exchange smaller than for some days past, nut prices advance on a consequence of the day—Arguments on the Northern Securities case are begun in the Supreme Court—This country expects war with Colombia over the isthmus, and will refuse to submit the question in dispute to arbitration before The Hague tribunal—More damagning testimony is adduced against General Wood, and Senator Hanna has formally requested that he be aubpoensed to make the consequence of the consequence

track, owing to the muddy condition of the race way—It is probable that a rivers and barbors bill will be passed by present Congress, and Virginia will likely set good appropriations for the improvements of her waterways—South Carolina contested election case may be made a test of the constitutionality of negro distranchisement in the Southern States—House of Representatives in session for four hours discussing various topics—It is not considered the constitutionality of negro distranchisement in the Southern States—House of Representatives in session for four hours discussing various topics—It is not considered to this government with South the constitutionality of the proceeding in the constitutionality of the proceeding in the constitutionality of the proceeding in the constitutionality of the reciprocity treaty with Cubs.

MOSQUITO FLEET

HAS SAFE PASSAGE

(By Associated Press.)

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WAR WITH **COLOMBIA PROBABLE**

Little Attempt Made to Conceal Expectation.

INTENTION IS TO FIGHT FOR PANAMA

General Reyes Will, However, do All Possible to Effect a Peaccable Settlement.

COLOMBIA WILL ASK FOR ARBITRATION

This Country Will Refuse to Allow the Question to be Taken to The Hague Tribunal, Which Will Put It in

an Embarrassing Position.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 14th.

Little attempt is made in official cir cles to conceal the fact that the adminisexpects war with Colombia. It is Panamanian soil, but it is thought that it row strip of land that connects northern and southern continents.

Secures Counsel. General Reyes, who is the accredited representative of Colombia at Washington, and who has just been chosen president of his country, will use all his influence to prevent any act of waruntil he has presented his case to our state Department, and has received a reply. The nature of the reply, is foreseen although it is admitted that Revesseen although it is admitted that Reves

y. The nature of the reply, is tore-although it is admitted that Reyes made his chances of success with government much greater by em-ing Wayne McVeagh as Colombia's seel.

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It is likely that the most embarrassing feature of the embrogilo, so far as the United States are concerned, will be the attempt which Colombia will make to have the whole matter referred to The Hague Tribunal for arbitration. This nation took the first step which almost forced European governments last spring to cease warfare on Venezuela and send their claims to The Hague for adjustment. It is going to put it in an awkward position if it refuses to refer its own case to that tribunal.

The United States will not allow the case to go to The Hague, This is absolutely assured.

Prepared for Trouble,

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The War and Navy Departments prepared for trouble on the 1sth There are a number of war vessels of in that neighborhood and marines thought that two regiments of infantry, with machine guns would be sufficient for military operations against Colombia.

bia.

If, as seems most probable now, there is war with the republic of Colombia, Continued on Second Page.)

THEY FOUND WADS AND WADS OF MONEY

Edward McCormick, Supposed to Have Nothing, Pretty Well Provided for.

It is rather a rare thing to find bank notes of all denominations, from \$100 down, about the bed and person of a man



CHICAGO CAPTURES REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

FIGHT ON

The Jordan-Cardwell Measure Comes Up in the Senate To-day.

TO PROBABLY BE DEFEATED

Indications Now Are That Its Advocates Cannot Muster Sufficient Strength.

The final battle, certainly of the pres ent General Assembly, over the passage of the Jordan-Cardwell bill to break the Baylor oyster survey and lease the barren or depleted rock therein will begin at 11 A. M. to-day in the State Senate It promises to be a brilliant struggle with chances against the bill. For weeks a week past the senators have been giv-ing the bill and its advocates and oppo-nents their attention.

A tremendous fight has been made for the bill and against it, in the lobbles of the Capitol and hotels and wherever the nembers congregate. Planters have been by their representatives, that he ing the members and being inexperienced in dealing with them, they could do no good. The advocates of the bill have been working hard and using every nonoruble means to secure the passage of the measure, state the contentions of the opposing ele-ments. Some of the opponents of the bill take a gloomy view of the effect of the passage of the measure especially upon the political conditions in the Tidewater

A LONG DEBATE.

The debate will begin at 11 A. M., and

tive speakers of the Scante, being proba-bly more an orator than any other mem-ber of the body. He is thoroughly and earnestly interested in the fate of the bill, and is well equipped to make a strong argument against the bill. Senator Watkins is also one of the most effective speakers and most con-

part in the discussion

ON PARTY POLICY

ne Democratic senators to-day were is anous, for two hours and adjourned un it to-morrow. The subjects under discussion were party discipline, the force anous action and general policy. Towar in close the meeting the Panam of the meeting the Panam to the party regarding the new republic than the property being the question of the party party being the question of the party party being the question of the party part

STEEL TRUST TO MAKE DEEPER GUT

Will Reduce Wages of Ninety Per Cent, of Its Army of

(By Associated Press.) (By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The statement was made to-day by a leading official of the United States Steel Corporation that, beginning January 1, 1904, about 90 per cent, of the employes of the corporation will surfer wage reduction, ranging from 5 to 20 fer cent. This reduction will affect about 120,000 workmen in a content of the subsidiary compared to the subsidiary compared to

Employes.

tion will affect about 123,000 workmen in the various grades of the subsidiary com-panies.

The remaining 10 per cent. of employes are members of the Amalgamated As-sociation of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, whose wage schedule runs to July 1, 1901.

The Finance Committee of the Steel Corporation has, it is understood, under consideration the dismissal of many high salaried employes, in addition to those already discharged, but no statement on this point was forthcoming to-day.

It was asserted that harring some unforseen technicalities, employes of the corporation who participated in the profit sharing plan will in the coming month receive a \$5 dividend on the preferred stock to which they subscribed at \$2.50.

CHAPLAIN CHOSEN

FOR THE SENATE

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 14.—
The Republican senators, in caucus today, decided upon Rev. Edward Hale,
of Beston, for chapitin of the Senate,
beginning January 1st. He is a Congrugationalist and is now eighty-three years
old.

opening and closing speeches. The committee adversely reported the bill, and those opposing contend that the advocates of adverse action are entitled to the opening and closing. The advocates of the measure contend that they are entitled to the opening and closing arguments. Both sides present reasons for their view, and the debate over this question promises to be quite interesting. Whatever side opens and closes, it is expected that Judge A. D. Watkins, of Prince Edward, a member of the joint special committee which recommended the legislation, will open the debate for the advocates of the Jordan-Cardwell hill. It is prohable that he will be reinforced by Senator George B. Keazell, a member of the State-Board of Fisheries. Others will probably speak for the measure of the State-Board of Fisheries. Others will probably speak for the measure. Senator C. Harding Walker C. Westmoreland, one of the most formid able debaters in either house, will probably open the discussion in opposition the bill. Mr. Walker is admirably e bill. Mr. Walker is admirably uipped for the work, and is a most ef-

fective speaker. CLOSE THE ARGUMENT. He will be sided by Senator J. Boyd Sears, of Mathews, who will probably close the argument for the adoption of the committee report and the defeat of the bill. Mr. Sears is one of the attrac-tive speakers of the Senate, being proba-

DEMOCRATS CAUCUS

WASHINGTON, D. C., December

Made Sales Agent. Mr. Beverly Harrison has been appoint ed sales agent for the Kanawha Fuel Company, with headquarters here. He will represent the Virgilia and Tidewater section.

IMPROVEMENT FOR HER WATERWAYS

Congress Will Pass a Rivers and Harbors Bill at the Present Session

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—The prospects of Virginia getting appropriations for improvements of her water

ways are better than were thought. There will be a river and harbor bill passed by Congress at the present ses ton There has been some doubt o this hitherto, but at a session of the com-

this hitherto, but at a session of the com-mittee to-day, Chairmán Burton au-rounced that a bill would be drawn and that one would be passed.

He said furthermore that there would be ilheral appropriations made for the improvement of the rivers and harbors, and that if there was any reduction to be done, he would fight to have it done in the naval appropriation bill. He arked the members of the committee to and that if there was any requestion to be done, he would fight to have it done in the naval appropriation bill. He asked the members of the committee to wild him in seeing that this was done, and it is not improbable that they will respond without regard to party.

A river and harbor bill is never looked on as a party measure.

Has No Significance.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The State Department has received the following cablegram from United States Minister Allein, dated Scoul, Corea, December 13th: Japanese forces landed at Mok-Phe yesterday to protect Japanese subjects from Corean rioters, This has no significance as trouble is purely local.

NEW MODE OF CHARITY

A Plan That Will Revolutionize the Methods so Long in Vogue.

TO BLACK-LIST IMPOSTERS

Way to Prevent the Indiscriminate Giving of Alms by Good People.

ity that will result in bringing order out and frequently unhelpful almsgiving into lief that will systematically do good, has just been begun by representatives of the four chief denominations of Richmond, backed by the leading charity organize

In the past a great and apparently shape of the alms that were diverted from its proper channels and that found its way into the hands of imposters and in the necessary overlapping of the work of the denominations. One denomination dispensed its charity funds over a certain section; another came along and went over the same track into which the frauds would soon find their way. There was no system; there is none now.

A NEW PLAN.

A few days ago Rev. George H. Wiley, head of the Methodist Institute, conceived the idea of a mass meeting for the purpose of remedying these evils. But this meeting has been called off and Mr. Wiley has fallen in with a more widespread and promising movement. On Friday evening of last week there met at the residence of the Rev. Robert Strange, D. D. rector of St. Paul's, five ministers. shape of the alms that were diverted

with a committee of the ladies. There will be some further conferences and then some interesting announcements will probably be made.

The plan projected is something like this: The denominations and the charity

WAR SECRETARY ACTS FOR WOOD

Says Some One Has Been Giving Out False Representations to the Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Secretary Root has addressed a letter to Senator Proctor, acting chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs, which says:

"I enclose a letter from Brigadier-General Tasker H. Bliss, asking attention to the report of his recent testimony before your committee as a witness regarding certain objections to the confirmation of General Wood. It appears that the press reports of General Bliss' testimony are the precise contrary of what he in fact testified.

fact testified.

"At the same time I wish to call the attention of the committee to the fact that some person seems to be persistently furnishing to the pres false statements of the testimony taken before you, the pervorsion of the evidence being in every case to the perjudice of General Wood, It cannot be doubted that the newspapers publishing these reports believe them to be true, and that the reports are sent to them by the representatives of the press in good faith, under the same belief, it is evident that some person is undertaking tod convey to the press representatives information of what goes on in the committee, and is taking advantage of the fact that the evidence is not public to state it falsely for the purpose of injuring General Wood in the public estimation."

General Bliss in his letter contradicts the report that he strongly opposed the contradicts of the call the strongly opposed the contradicts of the committee. "At the same time I wish to call the

ASKS THAT WOOD BE SUMMONED

Sen. Hanna Wants Him to Answer Charges

FORMAL REQUEST MADE TO COMMITTEE

More Damaging Evidence is Adduced Against President Roosevelt's Pet Soldier.

TRIED TO SHIELD A BAD CHARACTER

Testimony is to Effect That General Wood Was Intimate With Man Who Had Served in Florida Convict Camps. General Brooke on

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.--When the Senate Committee in Military Affairs today resumed its investigation of charges witnesses were asked to be heard. These J. O. LaFontize, city editor of the Jackeditor and city editor, respectively, of the Hayana Post, published during American nd General John R. Brooke, retired.

Mr. Fisher told the story of General Wood's intimacy with Bellairs, and atempted to show that General Wood knew of Bellairs' bad record. Dr. Fisher sal ral Wood on a trip to the Isle of t, and there told him of an article the had ordered printed in the Haeral Wood, and that he also had acted as the correspondent for the Associated Press for a short period. Dr. Fisher testified that he told Gen-

General Wood told him he did not care, to know any thing about the stories; that all he asked was that they not be printed

Corroborative Testimony.

Mr. LaFontize corroborated the tes-imony given by Dr. Fisher, He said timony given by Dr. Fisher. He said that before General Wood and Dr. Fisher that before General Wood and P. Fished started on their trip to the Isle of Pines, the latter instructed him (LaFentize) to write an article concerning Bellairs. Mr. LaFentize said he took the question under consideration, and decided that as the matter would be highly sensational, and in case of libel suit it would be necessar summon witnesses from the United States to prove the charges, he would not print the article. He said that when Dr. Filsher returned he was greatly agitated and asked:

that General Wood knew all about it. Ho said he learned from persons who went to Havana from Florida that Bel-laires had sevred five years in Florida

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DEATH HERE OF A CIRCUIT JUDGE

Hon. J. Fillmore Hubbard, of Williamsburg, Passes Away.

After an illness extending through a month, Judge J. Fillmore Hubbard, of Williamsburg, died last night in this city, where he had been brought for special medical treatment.

Judge Hubbard was a native of James lity county, and was sixty-five years of ago. Ho was a son of Dr. Miles Hubbard. During the war he served in the Thirty-second Virginia Regiment, and subsequently in the Fifth Virginia Cavatry, Payne's division, Army of Northern Virginia. After the surrender he engaged actively in the practice of law

ONLY SIX **THOUSAND** QUALIFIED

T-D WANT ADS.

The Vote of Richmond is Considerably Reduced.

SALOON FORCES WERE VERY ACTIVE

All Its Friends Were Induced to Pay Their Capitation Taxes.

STRIKING SCENES IN TREASURER'S OFFICE

It Was Literally Jammed During the Greater Portion of Yesterday-Estimated That About a Thousand Appeared on the Last Day, for Reception of Taxes.

By sunset of vesterday about one thouof the treasurer of Richmond and the to perhaps 6,000 out of a possible vote of 22,000, and an actual registered vote of

To this startlingly small number must even with this addition the number is

Striking Scene.

desk had literally to fight his way back to the door when he wished to leave. The owd was very unwieldly and became

It was rather a curious sight—watching the people as they laid down the small money that brought the theoretically, big right to cast the ballot, By 3 P. M. the bulk of the crowd had exhausted itself, and from then until about 5:30 a straggling few kept up appearances. Then the office closed. The clerk kept on until late at night, figuring things up, but stated that they could give no figures in detail. They guessed that the list of the day would show 1,000 or fewer names, and that the total vote of the city would amount to 0,000 or something under. The total possible list of assessable candidates returned by the commissioner of the revreturned by the commissioner of the revenue is over 22,000.

Saloon; Anti-Saloon.

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There is one very significant and important feature of the day's work. In a recently held election the lines between the whiskey and the anti-whiskey forces were very closely drawn. The whiskey forces have been very active with an interest born of considerations more positive than personal ones. The church people it has been almost impossible to get thoroughly aroused. They were interested but rather passive. Since the recent registration the whiskey men have been unceasingly at work. They have marshaled all the friends, and registration list in hand, have persuaded them to pay the tax and have their names enrolled. The church people, or some of them, also endeavored to do some work, but with not so good effect. At one of the religious meetings on Sunday it was declared that seventy-five per cent of those who paid poll taxes yesterday were whiskey people, who would favor an "open" Sunday. A plea was there made to the members of the church to register forthwith, and try to balance things more evenly. The statement made Sunday is to a certain extent true. It is generally believed that certain by a good majority of the city's voters are now not anti-saloon.

Nominated by the President.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. December 14—
The President sent the following nominations to the Benais to-day:
Collector of Revenue—John A. Thornston, for the district of Teche, LaPostmasters: Virginia—S. W. Tardy,
Buena Vista.
Mississippi—Irane P. Eliott, Okcional
John R. Matthews, Wesson,
Tennessee—William O. Douglas, Jellica